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Progress on transitioning from the Jordan School District to a new district is in high gear. (For clarity in this article, "Canyons District" will be used to identify the new, east side district). The division of assets between the two districts is being managed by appointed negotiators for each side. An Education Transition Team has also been selected to manage and oversee the administrative and educational issues related to forming Canyons District. Both east side teams report to the inter-local committee of mayors that meets every Monday afternoon at Sandy City Hall.

There has been significant media coverage of the Asset Transition Teams' efforts. The

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members of the Canyons District Asset Transition Team are working diligently to find a compromise that equitably divides the assets of the Jordan District. We are very appreciative of their efforts. The most recent proposal agreed to by a subcommittee of both transition teams essentially assigned real property and associated personal property to the district in which it is located with a balancing allocation of \$112 million of cash, or other west-side owned assets, to the Canyons District. Even with the balancing allocation, Canyons District would receive approximately one third of the net assets of the existing district compared to two thirds to the remaining district. This is primarily a reflection of the depreciated value of the older east side facilities compared to newer and more numerous facilities on the west side.

While Canyons District's Transition Team had heartburn over the equity of receiving such a small percentage of the net assets, the remaining district's team felt the balancing allocation was inequitable when they had such significant building needs. Ultimately, the teams must arrive at a negotiated settlement that recognizes the depreciated condition of east side facilities as well as the growth needs

of the west side. If the teams cannot arrive at an acceptable compromise, the division of those assets not agreed upon by the two teams will be decided by arbitration.

At the same time, the Education Transition Team of Dr. John Bennion, Dr. Sandy Peterson and Ricki McCandless, highly respected educational administrators formerly employed by the Salt Lake or Davis School Districts, have met with the School Community Council at each Canyons District school to gather feedback about what is important to constituents in forming Canyons District. That feedback has provided direction in forming committees that will focus on key areas of interest. In addition, the Educational Transition Team has held a series of meetings to inform the public of their efforts. Another round of public meetings is scheduled for May.

That team has recently taken on the task of searching for a new Superintendent. This is being done with the consent of the four Jordan District Board hold-over members that represent Canyons District and by law will be members of Canyons District Board of Education. The

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CHPD BULLETIN

OFFICE SPACE BEING REMODELED

It's taking a lot of hours on the part of Chief Russo, Assistant Chief Brenneman, Project Manager Heath Lowry, City Manager Stillman, and other city personnel, but the CHPD is coming together and the target date of September 1, 2008 is still in focus. In their report to the council on Tuesday, April 15, the chief and project manager stated that the total number of tasks to be preformed during the next 20 weeks is now at 104. Of the 104 identified tasks 26 have been completed and 19 are currently in process.

The completed tasks include major accomplishments such as hiring of the chief and assistant chief; acquisition of two vehicles and preparation of Requests

for Proposals for the remaining vehicles; lease and floor plan design for office space; negotiation of contract for computer software; design of uniforms; completion of job descriptions for sergeants; contract to set up police information systems; and acquisition of laptops for officer vehicles.

Major tasks currently being worked on include: development of policy and operations agreements; a dispatch contract; negotiation of SWAT, Crime Lab, cell phone, and other contracts; and remodeling of office space.

According to City Manager Stillman, "The city was fortunate in being able to lease 5000 sf of additional space in the same

building in which the city offices are located. This space is on the ground floor and is the ideal size for the needs of a 40 person police department. The location not only provides close proximity for communication but enables the CHPD to utilize some of the city's existing facilities."

That space is being remodeled now and will include a reception area, offices, evidence storage, interrogation room, IT space, and a squad room. It will also have front and rear entrances, enabling the officers to keep persons who are in custody away from the general public.

The only task currently slightly behind schedule is ordering of

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Public Hearing Scheduled for Smoking Ban

A Public Hearing to discuss a proposed outdoor smoking ban is scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, as part of the regularly scheduled City Council Business Meeting. The Business Meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and the Public Hearing will be the first order of business, following routine preliminary items. All City Council Business Meetings are held in the Council Chambers at 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., #300.

For the past few weeks the council has studied the possibility of banning smoking in parks and other public areas. Part of that study has included discussions with Salt Lake County and the Recreation District regarding whether they were amenable to having such a ban in their parks and outdoor facilities. Other cities in the area have passed similar ordinances in the

past few months. The proposed ban will specify public locations where smoking is not permitted and designate penalties for violations of the Ordinance.

Those interested in commenting on the proposed ban are encouraged to attend the Public Hearing or submit comments to their respective council members, the mayor or to City Manager Liane Stillman at lstillman@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov. Internet addresses for council members can be found on the city website or the front page of this NEWS JOURNAL.



PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS

for May, 2008

As announced in last month's NEWS JOURNAL, there are some public works projects beginning now that spring seems imminent. The sewer pipe installation that was to begin in April is now underway on Union Park Drive, south of Fort Union Blvd.,

Prep work for the Fort Union repaving project will be done during May in anticipation of an early June start date for that project. The project will include a roto-tilling type process on the existing asphalt, compacting the resulting mixture, then applying a new layer of asphalt to the expanded base. This project will run from 1300 East to 2000 East (Highland Drive), and will take approximately a month. A pedestrian activated crosswalk will also be installed at the intersection of 1700 East and Fort Union Blvd.

The city has also announced that the bidding will be held for a project to rebuild the storm drain system on Big Cottonwood Canyon Road between Canyon Creek Drive and 3600 East. This project will be discussed in more detail in future issues of the NEWS JOURNAL and on the city website at: www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov.



RELAY FOR LIFE Thanks for Donations Received

The 2nd annual East Bench Relay for Life is approaching rapidly and major effort during May will be to collect as many donations as possible to meet the goal for this fund raising event. The event is scheduled for June 13 & 14 at the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center. It will begin on Friday evening, June 13, and will include a Luminaria lighting ceremony and other events.

Our thanks to June S. Chen, MD, and Robert Bates, both of whom have made generous donations to the Relay for Life. We challenge other businesses and private

parties in the city to make comparable donations. Contributions will be accepted at the city offices through May 30. Mail to Susannah Hutchins at 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., #250, or contact her at 454-5154 or shutchins@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov.

Luminaries can also still be purchased at the city offices for \$5.00 per bag. These bags can be decorated in remembrance of a loved one whose name will also be read during the ceremony.

Bags should then be returned to the city office by May 30th for use the night of June 13 in the Luminaria lighting ceremony.



TONY KASSAPAKIS HIRED BY ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

Former County Corrections Officer and Lieutenant, Tony Kassapakis, is now an Ordinance Enforcement Officer for Cottonwood Heights. He began his new duties on March 17. Tony's primary responsibility is to assist residents with finding lost animals and promoting the licensing and neutering of pets. As an Ordinance Enforcement Officer he may

also contact residents regarding ordinance violations around their property and work with them on time lines for compliance.

Tony retired from the Sheriff's Department after 30 years service, and has recently been employed by the Recreation Center as the Security Supervisor. Tony and his wife Malinda have two children





Meet Angela White

New HR Director



Angela White joined the Cottonwood Heights’ city staff as Director of Human Resources on March 24th. She comes to the city well versed in HR matters, especially as they relate to law enforcement.

Angela is a graduate of BYU where she earned two degrees, a Bachelor in Recreation Management and a Masters of Public Administration. She has worked for Sandy City as a Management Analyst in the HR Department and for Salt Lake City as a Senior HR Consultant. In Salt Lake City she was assigned to the Police Department.

Linda Dunlavy, Director of Administrative Services, who is Angela’s direct supervisor stated, “Angela comes at a very opportune time as we are in the process of creating our new police department. She will be able to jump right in and assist in the hiring process for all of the officers and staff personnel to run that new department.”

Angela is a native of Ely, Nevada and she and her husband John live in Taylorsville. They have one child, a baby named Addison.

May City Council Meeting Schedule

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, May 6**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, May 13**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (reconvenes following business meeting)
7 p.m. Business Meeting
7:15 p.m. – Public Hearing on Smoking Ban Ordinance
- **Tuesday, May 20**
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, May 27**
6 p.m. Work Meeting (reconvenes following business meeting)
7 p.m. Business Meeting – Consideration of Smoking Ban Ordinance

ENTERTAINERS, SPONSORS, AND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BUTLERVILLE DAYS

At their most recent organizing meeting, the Butlerville Days Committee issued a request for more entertainers, sponsors, and volunteers to participate in and assist with the July 24th celebration.



ENTERTAINERS – There are opportunities for eight, 20 minute stage acts to appear on the Butlerville Days Main Stage during the evening of July 24th. Entertainers must have some relationship with Cottonwood Heights (live here, work here, etc.) and there is no compensation for performing. It’s a great opportunity for showcasing talents before a large audience. Those interested should contact Brian Allen at brian@evvivaent.com or Chantel Nate at chantel@evvivaent.com.

SPONSORS – Individuals or businesses desiring to purchase sponsorships for various aspects of Butlerville Days can still do so by contacting Brian Allen at brian@evvivaent.com or at 661-2922. There are four levels of sponsorship ranging from \$300 to \$7,500. Sponsorships provide numerous opportunities for public recognition throughout the celebration which runs from 4:00 p.m. to after the Fireworks, at approximately 10:30 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS - On the day of the event, assistance is needed with games and contests, traffic and crowd control, parade assembly, and other activities.

PARADE - Those wanting to have an entry in the parade can find information and applications on the city website at www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov.



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vehicles. The contract for leasing said vehicles is being finalized and the order should go out within the next few days. The vehicles have police packages installed at the factory and then must go to a graphics/detailing company where they are painted and appropriate logos are applied. Ample time has been allowed for the process so, even though the task is listed as being behind, there is still adequate time for completion prior to the start-up date.

Some of the other major tasks on the horizon, for which start dates are critical, include: hiring sergeants and officers; hiring staff personnel and crossing guards; build-out of laptops; delivery of vehicles and acquisition of maintenance contracts; ordering and delivery of firearms; installation to on-line status of software; uniform delivery; training agreements; etc.

Those interested in more detail regarding this involved process are invited to attend the city council work session that is held every week at 6:00 p.m. in the city conference room, Suite 250 of the city offices. At each of those meetings the council is brought up to date on accomplishments of the past week and plans for the future. All detail is charted for visual reporting and each step is being carefully supervised by city elected officials and personnel. Chief Russo and Assistant Chief Brenneman are available by email at russo@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov and pbrenneman@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov.

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application process is progressing. By the time Canyons District's Board is elected in June, the transition team will have compiled the list of applicants for the new board to interview. A new Superintendent announcement is anticipated by August 19th.

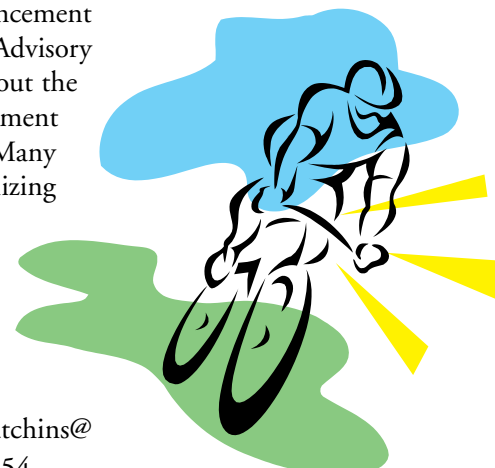
Many committees are being formed to address issues relating to Canyons District. To learn more about these committees and how to become involved, visit www.jordantransition.org. One of the most exciting efforts is exploring new and innovative ways of delivering educational services. Some changes will take time; but over the next few years you will see Canyons District take the best of the existing Jordan District and add

to it the most current thinking in educational services. It is truly an exciting opportunity for all stakeholders.

In June, elections will be held for open seats on the Canyons District Board of Education. District 3 is an open seat that affects part of our city. If you live in District 3, I strongly encourage you not only to vote, but also to study the candidates beforehand. With 16 candidates to choose from and no primary to narrow the field, every vote will count. I applaud all who have unselfishly expressed an interest in serving on this board. The members of this initial board will be tasked with an historic responsibility – to form the first new school district in Utah in many decades—perhaps a century. In the meantime, we are making significant progress paving the way for this new board to fulfill their weighty responsibilities.

BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

In last month's NEWS JOURNAL there was an announcement that the city was in the process of forming a Bicycle Advisory Committee to assist the council in making decisions about the establishment of biking lanes, the planning and development of biking events, the promotion of bike safety, etc. Many bikers responded to the announcement and the organizing meeting for the committee was held on April 16th. The next regular meeting is scheduled for 7 pm on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at the recreation center. It's not too late to become involved with this committee, so all interested bikers are invited to attend the meeting and make their interests known. Additional information is available from Susannah Hutchins at shutchins@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov or by calling her at 545-4154.



MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM

ON MAY 29

A forum providing opportunity to speak with candidates for the new East-side Board of Education, District 3, will be held in an open house format from 5:30 p.m to 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 29, 2008, at the Canyon View Elementary School. The forum is sponsored by the Youth City Council and the entire slate of 16 candidates has been invited. The only election for these candidates will be the Primary Election on Tuesday, June 24th. The winner of that election will be on the new school board. District 3 includes the area of Cottonwood Heights that is south of Bengal Blvd. to the city's south boundary line and between approximately 1700 East and 3500 East. It also includes a large section of north Sandy and the unincorporated areas between the two cities. Maps and candidate lists are available at www.clerk.slco.org.

The PTA is also sponsoring an Open House for Candidates from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28 at the Jordan School District offices, 9361 South 300 East, Sandy.

Emergency Preparedness

Tip for May

It's 9-1-1, not "Nine-Eleven," if you are reporting an emergency. Teach your children the difference or they may spend life-saving time looking for 11 on the phone.

The city's emergency communications system is rapidly developing under the able leadership of Roger Kehr. Roger encourages all HAM operators to be licensed, including RACES certification. Anyone needing additional information should contact Roger at rogerkehr@gmail.com. The city emergency communication system now has 40 HAM operators enrolled. They have a weekly NET on frequency 146.46 Simplex held at 2000 hours on Tuesdays. Roger has also opened dialogue with some critical vendors during times of phone outages, and is overseeing an emergency HAM component for our new police facility. He is a terrific volunteer!